



**WIMBLEDON F.C.
HERITAGE TRAIL**

**OLD CENTRAL
SCHOOL**

HEADMASTER JOHN WILLIAM 'JACK' SELBY
FORMED THE OLD CENTRALS FOOTBALL CLUB IN 1889
COMPRISING FORMER SCHOOL PUPILS



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WIMBLEDON F.C. HERITAGE TRAIL

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

MANY OF THE OLD CENTRALS PUPILS WERE PLAYING
CRICKET TOGETHER FOR THIS CHURCH SIDE IN 1889,
WHEN THE FOOTBALL TEAM WAS FIRST MOOTED



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WIMBLEDON F.C. HERITAGE TRAIL

WIMBLEDON COMMON

AS WIMBLEDON OLD CENTRALS, THE CLUB FIRST
PLAYED ON A PITCH BY ROBIN HOOD ROAD AND
ANOTHER NEAR WEST PLACE AND THE POUND



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WIMBLEDON F.C. HERITAGE TRAIL

FOX & GRAPES PUBLIC HOUSE

THE CLUB'S FIRST CHANGING ROOMS AND
GOALPOST STORAGE FROM 1895. THEY WERE ROBBED
BY 'A PROWLER OF THE THIEVING TYPE' DURING A
HERALD CUP GAME ON 3 DECEMBER 1892



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**WIMBLEDON F.C.
HERITAGE TRAIL**

**RIDGWAY
COFFEE TAVERN**

VENUE OF THE FIRST OLD CENTRALS END-OF-SEASON
GENERAL MEETING ON 26TH APRIL 1890, CHAIRED BY
TEAM CAPTAIN GEORGE RAYMENT



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WIMBLEDON F.C. HERITAGE TRAIL

THE SWAN PUBLIC HOUSE

HQ AND CHANGING ROOMS FOR MATCHES ON THE
COMMON BETWEEN 1895-1905, DURING WHICH TIME
THE CLUB WON A TREBLE AND CHANGED COLOURS
FROM BROWN AND BLUE TO GREEN AND BLACK



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WIMBLEDON F.C. HERITAGE TRAIL

THE SULTAN PUBLIC HOUSE

THIS SITE WAS USED AS A CHANGING ROOM FOR
WIMBLEDON FC IN 1894-1895, WHEN THEY PLAYED
HOME GAMES AT HAYDONS ROAD REC



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WIMBLEDON F.C. HERITAGE TRAIL

WELCOME COFFEE ROOM

THE VENUE FOR THE SECOND GENERAL WIMBLEDON FC MEETING WHERE A SHOW OF HANDS FROM NINE TEAM MEMBERS CHANGED A CONTROVERSIAL 1-0 DEFEAT BY KINGSTON WANDERERS, TO A 1-1 DRAW



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WIMBLEDON F.C. HERITAGE TRAIL

WORPLE ROAD WEST

THE CLUB'S FIRST "PROPER AND ENCLOSED" GROUND FROM 1901-1906 WAS CLOSE BY. INITIALLY ATTRACTING JUST 35 SEASON TICKET HOLDERS. WHILST HERE, THEY CHANGED NAME TO WIMBLEDON FC IN 1905



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**WIMBLEDON F.C.
HERITAGE TRAIL**

**COTTENHAM
PARK SCHOOL**

DRESSING ROOMS FOR THE WORPLE ROAD WEST
AND PEPYS ROAD GROUNDS WERE SITED HERE.
THE SCHOOL WAS DEMOLISHED IN 1975



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WIMBLEDON F.C. HERITAGE TRAIL

PEPYS ROAD

AFTER FIVE YEARS AT WORPLE ROAD WEST,
WIMBLEDON FC NOW PLAYED SENIOR FOOTBALL.
HOME FOR SEASONS 1906-07 AND 1907-08 WAS A
GROUND AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL



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WIMBLEDON F.C. HERITAGE TRAIL

GRAND DRIVE

FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1908 WIMBLEDON FC WERE
STILL SEARCHING FOR ROOTS TO PUT DOWN AND
PLAYED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RAILWAY
TRACKS, WITH AN ENTRANCE NEAR THE STATION



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**WIMBLEDON F.C.
HERITAGE TRAIL**

**THE CHASE,
MERTON HALL ROAD**

THE 1908-09 SEASON WAS SPENT AT A LARGE AND ESTABLISHED AREA OF PLAYING FIELDS TO THE SOUTH OF THE CHASE (THIS FOOTPATH BETWEEN MERTON HALL ROAD AND RAYNES PARK)



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WIMBLEDON F.C. HERITAGE TRAIL

BURLINGTON ROAD (BLAGDON ROAD)

CHOSEN IN 1909 FOR ITS EASE OF ACCESS AND IN HOPE OF INCREASING ATTENDANCES, IT DREW CROWDS IN EXCESS OF 1000 BUT WAS PRONE TO FLOODING AND ONLY STAGED FIVE GAMES. NOW PARTLY PARK



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WIMBLEDON F.C. HERITAGE TRAIL

NORBITON PARK HOTEL

DESPITE A CRICKET PAVILLION ON THE
BLAGDON ROAD GROUND, WIMBLEDON FC CHANGED
IN THE NEARBY PUBLIC HOUSE



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WIMBLEDON F.C. HERITAGE TRAIL

MALDEN WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB

WHEN THEIR PREVIOUS GROUND PROVED UNUSABLE,
WIMBLEDON FC USED A PITCH AT MALDEN WANDERERS
CRICKET CLUB FOR THE REMAINDER OF THEIR
1909-1910 SEASON



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WIMBLEDON F.C. HERITAGE TRAIL

THE ROYAL OAK PUBLIC HOUSE

USED AS THE WIMBLEDON FC CHANGING ROOMS
AND HOSTED MEETINGS WHILST THE TEAM PLAYED
AT MALDEN WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB



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**WIMBLEDON F.C.
HERITAGE TRAIL**

**THE ALEXANDRA
HOTEL & PUBLIC HOUSE**

THE ALEXANDRA HOTEL AND PUBLIC HOUSE WAS
USED AS WIMBLEDON FC'S HEADQUARTERS
DURING THEIR 1905-06 AND 1909-10 SEASONS



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**WIMBLEDON F.C.
HERITAGE TRAIL**

**DUNDONALD ROAD
RECREATION GROUND**

THE HOME GROUND OF WIMBLEDON ST. ANDREWS FC
WHO JOINED WITH CORPORATION EMPLOYEES FC
TO FORM WIMBLEDON BOROUGH FC IN 1911



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WIMBLEDON F.C. HERITAGE TRAIL

HAYDONS ROAD RECREATION GROUND

WIMBLEDON FC PLAYED HOME GAMES HERE DURING
THEIR 1894-1895 SEASON. IT WAS ALSO THE ORIGINAL
HOME GROUND OF THE WIMBLEDON FC LADIES



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WIMBLEDON F.C. HERITAGE TRAIL

FIELD'S FARM

THE HOME GROUND OF CORPORATION EMPLOYEES FC
BEFORE THEY MOVED TO COPPERMILL LANE IN 1910
AND THEN JOINED WITH WIMBLEDON ST. ANDREWS FC
TO FORM WIMBLEDON BOROUGH FC IN 1911



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WIMBLEDON F.C. HERITAGE TRAIL

COPPERMILL LANE

PARTLY ON THE SITE OF AFC WIMBLEDON'S STADIUM,
COUNCIL-BACKED WIMBLEDON BOROUGH FC PLAYED
THE 1911-12 SEASON AT THE TOWN GROUND HERE,
BEFORE MERGING WITH WIMBLEDON FC



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WIMBLEDON F.C. HERITAGE TRAIL

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH IS THE ORIGINAL BASE USED
FOR WIMBLEDON ST. ANDREWS FC, WHO WENT ON
TO BECOME THE FAMOUS WIMBLEDON FC



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WIMBLEDON F.C. HERITAGE TRAIL

PLOUGH LANE

A REFUSE DUMP WAS PURCHASED LEASEHOLD
FROM THE LOCAL COUNCIL AND THE SITE BECAME
WIMBLEDON FOOTBALL CLUB'S MUCH-LOVED
(AND MUCH-MISSED) HOME FROM 1912 TO 1991



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WIMBLEDON F.C. HERITAGE TRAIL

RICHARDSON EVANS

NOW A MULTI-SPORTS FACILITY, IT WAS A TRAINING
GROUND FOR WIMBLEDON FC FOR MANY YEARS
AND OFTEN THE EPICENTRE OF THE INFAMOUS
'CRAZY GANG' PHENOMENA



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WIMBLEDON F.C. HERITAGE TRAIL

WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY CENTRE

THE VENUE FOR TWO CRUCIAL PUBLIC MEETINGS
IN 2002 WHERE FANS PASSIONATELY DECIDED THEY
WOULD BACK WIMBLEDON'S FOOTBALL CLUB
CONTINUING AS AFC WIMBLEDON



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WIMBLEDON F.C. HERITAGE TRAIL

WIMBLEDON THEATRE

OVER 1200 WIMBLEDON FANS WERE PRESENT HERE ON
10TH FEB 2002 FOR AN EMOTIONAL EVENING TO
LAUNCH 'THE DONS TRUST' INITIALLY AIMED
AT GIVING THE FANS A VOICE



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**WIMBLEDON F.C.
HERITAGE TRAIL**

**KINGSMEADOW
STADIUM**

THE HOME OF AFC WIMBLEDON FROM 2002-2020
THAT WITNESSED THE CLUB'S SIX PROMOTIONS
BACK TO THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE



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**WIMBLEDON F.C.
HERITAGE TRAIL**

**PLOUGH LANE
STADIUM**

NEED SOME CONTENT PLEASE



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